There is nothing in our Local Franchise Ordinances that prevents other competing franchises - in fact, LFA "negotiation" is a joke - "negotiation" consist of us iterating our wants/demands which the vendor replies "that is not negotiable" and then they tell us what we get

I object to the telephone company soliciting legislation for their intrastructure costs which will be passed on to the public – the current projections in NJ say that Verizon will take nine years to complete the fiber optics network – I live in the boon-docks – we are the fourth smallest municipality in NJ – I frankly cannot believe that we will see fiber optics in my lifetime – the telephone company can't even give us decent phone service – no one in our community can get the full rated speed (56K) on modem/data transfer on a dial-up internet network and they expect me to believe that I am going to get fiber optics in nine years!!!! - only TWO (count them 2) people can get DSL lines from Verizon – they keep telling us that we are not supported for DSL - I DO expect to get TAXED for nine years

If the cable/phone company want to do something for me – give me a TV package for the five channels that I do watch and a phone service that is better that cans and a string